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SUBJECT: NDAA SECTION 1206: COUNTRY TEAM NICARAGUA APPROVES  
FY 2008 PROPOSALS

REF: STATE 84130 (DTG 152012Z JUN 07)

**¶1.** (U) The U.S. Country Team Nicaragua has drafted and approved an FY2008 proposal for the use of funds appropriated under Section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act that is intended to strengthen the counter-terrorist capability of the Nicaraguan Army's Rapid Reaction Task Force. This proposal has been sent to USSOUTHCOM for concurrence by the combatant commander.

**¶2.** (U) In addition, the Country Team concurs with the current USSOUTHCOM Enduring Friendship Section 1206 proposal and the Special Operations Command South Section 1206 proposal for Nicaragua.

**¶3.** (U) Post requests that that State and SOUTHC洲 approve these three Section 1206 proposals to provide vitally-needed counter-terrorism equipment funding for the Nicaraguan Army Rapid Reaction Force, the Nicaraguan Navy, and the Nicaraguan Army Comando de Operaciones Especiales (COE) Counter-terrorist Force.

**¶4.** (U) The point of contact for this U.S. Country Team FY08 proposal is Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gaddis, Commander U.S. Military Group, Nicaragua. The POC telephone number is (505) 266-6010 extension 4490.

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